

**REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action dated June 4, 2004 regarding the above-identified application, and the claim amendments above together with the remarks that follow are presented in a bona fide effort to respond thereto and address all issues raised in that Action. Applicant respectfully requests a prompt favorable reconsideration of this matter.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 14-20.

By the amendments above, Applicant proposes to cancel all the claims rejected in the June 4, 2004 Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments above raise no issue of new matter and no other issue that might require any further search or consideration. Since the amendments reduce issues and place this case in condition for allowance, it is believed entry of such amendments after final rejection are proper under Rule 116. Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration and allowance are solicited.

Cancellation of rejected claims above should obviate all issues raised in the latest Action and place this case in condition for immediate allowance. Of course, Applicant reserves the right to decide in future to pursue the cancelled claims or other claims related to the subject matter of this case, through filing of a continuing application.

It is believed that this response addresses all issues raised in the latest Action. However, if any further issue should arise that may be addressed in an interview or addressed by an Examiner's amendment, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Applicant's representative at the number shown below.

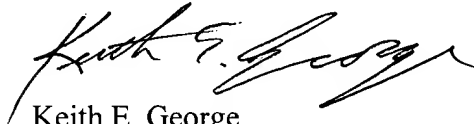
To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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